



**Town of Arlington
Board of Selectmen**

Meeting Agenda

June 8, 2015

7:15 PM

EMERGENCY ADDENDUM Selectmen's Chambers, 2nd Floor, Town Hall

1. Vote: Revised Sidewalk Cafe Permit Regulations
Douglas W. Heim, Town Counsel



Town of Arlington, Massachusetts

Vote: Revised Sidewalk Cafe Permit Regulations

Summary:

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ATTACHMENTS:

Type	Description
 Reference Material	Sidewalk Cafe Permit Reference

Sidewalk Café Permit Application - Town of Arlington, MA

This is an application to the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Arlington Massachusetts, for a permit to place and maintain a Sidewalk Café (an outside seating area for licensed restaurants) on the public right of way in Arlington, Massachusetts described below:

(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT)

Business Name:	Length of Storefront (ft):
Business Address/Location:	Width of Sidewalk along Storefront (ft); *1:
Phone Number/Email:	Length of Proposed Sidewalk Café (ft):
Business Representative's Name:	Width of Proposed Sidewalk Café (ft); *2:
Name & Address of Building Owner:	

*1: Measure from front Building Wall to inside of sidewalk granite curb edge.

*2: Measure from front Building Wall to outside of Sidewalk Café surrounding border fencing/barrier.

Application Submittal Requirements:

- 1.) Fee: An annual permit fee of **\$50.00** payable to the Town of Arlington filed with the Selectmen's Office. The Board may prorate its fee for applicants in their initial term to reflect the number of months the permit sought will be held.
- 2.) Site Plan: Furnish a **Site Plan** (scale diagram) showing the location of tables, chairs, umbrellas, trash receptacles, heaters, barricades, as well as a **picture or photograph of the proposed furniture** in compliance with the following requirements:
 - No person or entity shall cause to be placed within the public ways any furniture without applying for a permit and receiving approval from the Board of Selectmen of the Town. This permit shall be considered separate and distinct from others issued by the Town, including those for common victuallers.
 - Ordinarily, the location of the sidewalk café must be directly in front of the business operating the café, and may not extend beyond the side property lines. It shall be sited as close to the building façade as practicable and in no event to exceed twelve (12) feet from the food service door of the establishment.
 - Under limited circumstances, sidewalk café areas may be approved adjacent to a storefront, grouped at a distance from the storefronts, or allowed in both positions if a scaled plan showing dimensions clearly establishes:

- a) The requested location(s) create the least obstruction for pedestrian access to storefronts, crosswalks and pedestrian circulation, and/or
 - b) the location does not extend substantially beyond the side edges of the business (allowing for up to 10 feet of latitude where landscaping, public facilities, utility poles or adjacent seating areas obstruct the front of the business premises), and/or
 - c) no more than 256 square feet of the public way would be cordoned off for establishments serving liquor unless the Board determines from the scaled site plan (with dimensions shown) and photos that additional square footage for outdoor seating would not leave less than 36" to the nearest barrier, would not impede circulation, and would not preclude other allowed desirable uses for the public space, and
 - d) in every case, the additional seating does not violate zoning, building, or other code as determined by the Director of Inspectional Services.
- Further, Tables, chairs, benches, food equipment shall be located so that they do not impede, endanger or interfere with pedestrian traffic, with a minimum width of three (3) feet and a recommended width of four (4) feet of unobstructed passage for pedestrian traffic.
 - In addition, no sidewalk café furniture shall be affixed, erected, installed, placed, used or maintained **within five (5) feet** of any marked or unmarked crosswalk or handicapped ramp; or within five (5) feet of any fire hydrant, fire lane, call box, or bus stop.
 - Unlicensed furniture within the public ways of the Town will be subject to removal with the cost thereof to be borne entirely by the owner. In addition, fines may be imposed by the Board of Selectmen not to exceed \$100 for removal, storage or destruction.
 - No fixtures or devices on which food or beverages are sold or consumed shall be attached to the sidewalk or other public area. The property owner is responsible for the restoration of the sidewalk or public-right-of-way if any damage is caused by the sidewalk café. Physical barriers bordering/framing a sidewalk café may not exceed four (4) feet in height.
 - Lighting for sidewalk cafes is subject to approval during the permitting process. Tabletop lighting may include candles and battery-operated fixtures.
 - Well-designed physical barricades surrounding/framing sidewalk cafés are **strongly encouraged**.

3.) Insurance: The applicant restaurant-owner shall furnish a **certificate of insurance** providing commercial insurance coverage for bodily injury, death, disability, and property damage liability in the following amounts:

- **At least \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$3,000,000 annual aggregate for any restaurant serving alcohol as part of its use of sidewalk café space; or**

- **At least \$300,000 per occurrence and \$900,000 annual aggregate for restaurants which are either not licensed to serve alcohol or restaurants which attest that they will not serve alcohol as part of their use of sidewalk café space.**

The Town of Arlington shall be named as an additional insured on a primary, noncontributory basis for any liability arising directly or indirectly from the operation of a sidewalk café. In the event the insurance is cancelled, the permit holder has 24 hours to reinstate the insurance or the permit shall be revoked. The permit holder shall immediately inform the Selectmen's Office if insurance under this provision is revoked and shall not operate the sidewalk café until insurance is restated in accordance with this requirement. An insurance certificate naming the Town as an additional insured must be provided to the Office of the Board of Selectmen before any Sidewalk Café/Outdoor Seating Area will be issued.

4.) Indemnification and Acknowledgement of Rights: The applicant restaurant-owner shall also furnish a signed agreement to indemnify the Town of Arlington for its use of public property as a sidewalk café/outdoor seating from any and all claims that may be brought against the Town in connection with such use. Such a signed agreement shall also acknowledge the Town's rights with respect to its property and the limitations of the permit (attached hereto).

5.) Compliance Requirements: By signing this application, the Applicant agrees to accept and comply with the following requirements:

- All services provided to sidewalk café customer and customer activity must occur within the designated sidewalk café area.
- Permit holder is responsible for proper supervision of the sidewalk café in order to ensure the requirements of this section are met.
- Permit holders must ensure that the requirements for operation are met. These include:
 - Patrons must wear shoes and shirts at all times.
 - All sidewalk cafes must maintain at least one opening for ingress and egress at all times. All sidewalk cafes shall abide by all requirements of the currently adopted International Building Code and the American's with Disabilities Act.
 - To the extent applicable, sidewalk cafes must adhere to all regulations pertaining to food and beverage enforced by the Board of Health and Board of Selectmen.
 - All areas within and surrounding a sidewalk café must be maintained in a clean, neat, and sanitary condition.
 - All permit holders shall be required to abide by all federal, state, and local laws.
 - **Outdoor alcohol service (and food service when alcohol is served outdoors) shall conclude at or before 10:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and at or before 11:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday.**

6.) Other Regulations: By receiving a sidewalk café/outdoor seating permit, restaurants are not exempted from other federal, state, and local laws and regulations. Among other regulations, permit holders must comply with local zoning and state building code requirements and Board of Selectmen alcohol service regulations. Applicants are strongly advised to ensure their plans comply with zoning and state building requirements by contacting Inspectional Services.

7.) Revocation: The sidewalk café permit may be revoked for failure to maintain the standards required for the initial permit. A notice of intent to revoke a sidewalk café permit shall be given in writing 10-days prior to actual revocation and shall specify the area or areas of failure to meet requirements and maintain conditions the Town may have imposed. If, during that period, proof of compliance is made to the satisfaction of designated Town Inspectors by the holder of the permit, the permit shall be continued in force.

- Applicant certifies that all current property taxes due on its licensed premises are paid if property is owned by the Applicant.
- Applicant agrees to permit the Town to periodically verify the accuracy of information contained in this Application and agrees to provide information requested to verify the accuracy of the information and the Certifications contained in this Application.

8.) Term & Non-Transferability: Each Sidewalk Café Permit is valid for one calendar year from the January 1st through December 31st and is non-transferable.

I have read and fully understand the above rules and regulations applying to the approval of this permit.

Dated _____, 20____ By: _____
(Signature)

(Print Name & Address) _____

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN



TOWN OF ARLINGTON

SIDEWALK CAFÉ INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

On behalf of the business applying for a Sidewalk Café (Outdoor Seating) license from the Town of Arlington Board of Selectmen, I, as a duly authorized agent of _____, a licensed restaurant operating within the Town of Arlington, acknowledge that I seek permission to use a portion of the public sidewalk in front of (or where permitted, adjacent to) the business premises to operate a sidewalk café/outdoor seating area. I understand that a Sidewalk Café permit does not give my business any right, title, or interest in any part of the sidewalk space approved for use.

Furthermore, I, as a duly authorized agent of _____, agree to hold harmless the Town of Arlington, its officers and employees, for any loss or damage arising from the use of the public sidewalk or the discontinuance of use resulting from an order, demand, or notice of any governmental agency with jurisdiction.

I understand that Board of Selectmen and/or any government agency with jurisdiction may revoke my permit to use public sidewalk space at any time for any reason whatsoever. The permit can be revoked for failure to comply with any terms and conditions of the permit or any agreements between my business and the Town of Arlington or for violation of any of the rules and regulations enforced by Board of Selectmen, the Department of Inspectional Services, the Police Department, or the Board of Health . I understand there will be no refund of any fees or compensation paid to the Town of Arlington.

I further agree to promptly remove any property placed on the sidewalk space or reimburse the Town of Arlington for the cost of moving my business' property upon receipt of any written notice, demand, or order to vacate the sidewalk space from a governmental agency with jurisdiction.

I certify that I have read and agree with the terms and conditions outlined both here and within the Sidewalk Café Permit Application.

Signature

Date